

## MIT PiKA gets OK to go coed in fall

By Michael Garry

The MIT Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha (PiKA) can become coed next fall, according to the office of the Dean for Student Affairs.

The dean's office approved PiKA's petition for coedity last week, and said the fraternity could admit female students starting next September.

PiKA members hope to persuade 5 undergraduate women to join the Cambridge fraternity. Letters have been sent to all freshman, sophomore and junior women living in dormitories asking them to consider joining the fraternity. Letters have been sent to all freshman, sophomore and junior women living in dormitories asking them to consider joining the fraternity, and pointing out, that among other things, PiKA is less expensive than any of the dormitories. PiKA also plans to accommodate five incoming freshman women.

Despite their reservations about coed living in independent living groups, which include the fraternities and Student House, members of the DSA office granted PKA coed status because it has displayed "strength and stability" during the past year, said Ken Browning '66, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs.

"It's harder to evaluate coedity in independent living groups than in dormitories, where there are faculty and graduate residents," he said. "But we have had a better feeling about it this year and so we decided that it was the right time for PiKA to go coed." He added that the fraternity's request for coed status was turned down last year "because we weren't as confident of their situation then."

Ken Shultz '77, a member of PiKA, explained that 2 years ago disunity in the fraternity led the

DSA office to believe that it wasn't prepared for coedity. However, he noted, this problem has long been resolved and the fraternity is now "as stable as it could be."

Members of PiKA have wanted the fraternity to become coed since it was founded 5 years ago, Shultz said, although they have only officially requested coedity during the past 2 years.

The members feel that coedity would create a "healthier and more natural" atmosphere in the fraternity, Shultz said. "Any interaction we now have with girls is very strained," he said, "and it is easy to develop a sexist attitude. Living with women would reduce the unnaturalness and remind us that women are not really any different from men."

Shultz admitted that it may be difficult to find five undergraduate women interested in moving to PiKA. But he pointed out that under the present housing system, women students are virtually restricted to the dormitories, having only three independent living groups (Delta Psi, Epsilon Theta, and Student House) from which to choose. "We offer another alternative," he said, "which is very much unlike the other three." He added that although there is no official deadline for finding the women students, "we'll know within a few weeks from responses to our letters whether we'll be able to get them or not."

Browning said that the members of the DSA office are reluctant to allow fraternities to become coed because they have "slight reservations" about the success of coedity in independent living groups to date and feel that some fraternities approach coedity "in a superficial way."



Tom Klimowicz

In a meeting of about 500 faculty and students held last Friday, Parviz Payvar, Dean of the Energy Division of Aryamehr University in Iran, defended MIT's program to train Iranian nuclear engineers, saying that MIT will be the Iranians to help themselves.

## Iranians accept program

By Mike McNamee

MIT's proposal to train 54 Iranian students in Nuclear Engineering during the next three years has been accepted by the Iranian government MIT officials announced Friday.

Dean Alfred Keil of the School of Engineering told about 500 MIT students and faculty that the Iranian government had accepted MIT's final proposal, and that the new program would start in June.

Acting Head of Nuclear Engineering Kent Hansen, who had just returned from Iran, said he had interviewed about 50 Iranian students and had found 23 whom he felt met MIT's admissions standards. He said that the Iranian government might continue to submit applications to try to raise the number of students participating to 27.

Keil and Hansen spoke at a seminar sponsored by Chi Epsilon, an engineering honorary

society, to discuss the Iranian program, which has been strongly criticized since it was first revealed two weeks ago.

The Iranian program provides for a total of up to 54 Iranian students to receive Masters Degrees in Nuclear Engineering over the next three years. MIT is charging a special tuition rate of about \$10,000 per stu-

dent per year for the program, in addition to a number of overhead charges for modifications to be made in Nuclear Engineering Department facilities.

Under the terms of the accepted proposal, Iran will send up to 27 students to MIT in June to begin intensive training in English, with optional training in

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## Keil defends innovation

By Margaret Brandeau

Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) charged that MIT's Innovation Center is "wasteful" of taxpayers' money.

Proxmire, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee which has been conducting hearings on the National Science Foundation (NSF) budget, claimed Friday that the Innovation Center "is in the dubious business of using taxpayers' dollars to turn out inventions, most of which accrue to the students."

Proxmire complained that "all patent rights for these federally supported inventions accrue to MIT" and "65 percent of the royalties go to MIT, 35 percent to the student and none to the Federal Government, which pays the bill."

The Innovation Center, operating on a five-year grant from the NSF for a total of \$1,125,000, currently involves about 100 MIT students.

In response to Proxmire's charges, Professor Y.T. Li, Director of the Innovation Center, said that only when a student receives more than \$500 support from NSF does the Innovation

Center get any royalties from the invention. Any student can develop his or her invention independently, using non-NSF funds, he said, and then does not have to give MIT royalties from the invention.

According to Dean of the School of Engineering Alfred H. Keil, the money from NSF is "seed money," used to make the center self-supporting.

Proxmire also charged that the products of the Innovation Center are of "questionable benefit." As examples he cited a machine that peels bananas, a record turntable which can rearrange the order of cuts on an album, and an electronic guitar with strings which can be individually controlled for volume and tone.

Keil responded by saying that "the fact that Senator Proxmire finds some of the inventions of little interest to him does not mean that they are of no value to the individual students, to engineering educators, or to the nation." He went on to say that "what may seem frivolous to Senator Proxmire is quite serious to many other Americans if market data are to be believed."

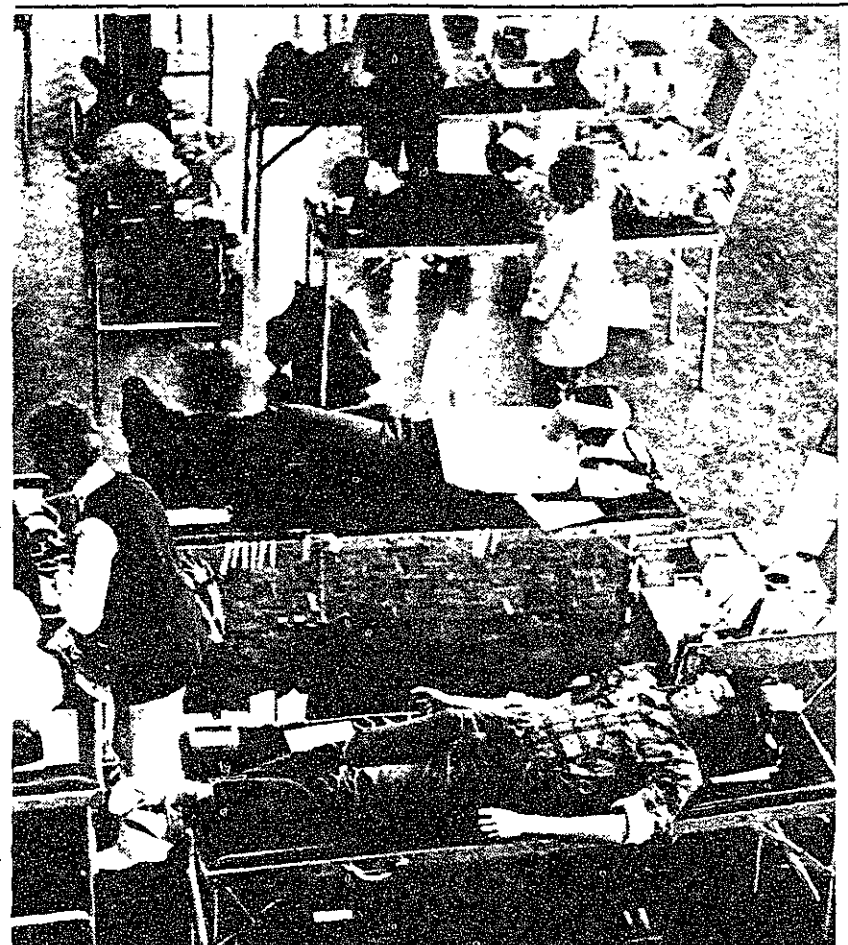
Keil said that many useful inventions have come out of the center. Among these, he listed a counterfeit gold detector, a professional darkroom timer, and a control system for heating and ventilating operations.

"Our primary objective," according to Li, "is education. We are not an invention factory." Keil added that Proxmire "seems to misunderstand the purpose of the NSF innovation program in general and the operations of the MIT Innovation Center in particular."

Keil said that "engineering educators desperately need this kind of understanding of the innovation process and how we can teach it effectively." He believes that America has a great need for what he called "innovative, inventive engineers."

"High technology products have provided this country's cutting edge in foreign trade in recent decades," he noted, saying that "There is concern that our rate of innovation is slowing."

Senator Proxmire periodically issues statements attacking waste in both military and scientific establishments.



Dave Schaller

More than 1300 people each gave up a pint of their blood in this year's spring blood drive.

## Spring blood drive collects 1392 pints

By Stephen Blatt

MIT's spring 1975 blood drive collected 1392 pints of blood, a decline from last spring's total, according to Marian Tomusiak '77, chairman for the drive.

Despite organizational difficulties and poor publicity, 1589 people showed up to give blood

A regular meeting of the faculty will be held tomorrow at 3:15 pm in 10-250. Included on the agenda are plans to discuss and vote on remaining recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Grading.

at the drive, which was held in the Sala de Puerto Rico in the Student Center from March 5 through March 14. Of these potential donors, 1392 were permitted to give blood; the rest were turned away for medical reasons.

The drive attracted 719 walk-in donors, who had not made appointments in advance. This compensated for the small number of appointments that were made, which Tomusiak said was due to the lack of direct solicitation of employees and dormitory residents.

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# Iranian program attacked

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mathematics and physics being offered the students also. A second class of up to 27 students will be admitted in June, 1976, for the two-year program. The program might be renewed beyond its three-year initial stage.

## Background discussed

President Jerome B. Wiesner, speaking at the meeting, explained that the program was "in line with what we've been doing for many years now."

Addressing a mostly-critical audience of about 500 MIT faculty and students, Wiesner said, "We've long been educating students from underdeveloped countries. Iran can expand on a more rapid basis now, and so we are expanding their programs accordingly."

Negotiations on the program began last July after the Iranian government contacted MIT about a number of educational programs, Keil said. The choice to send almost 30 students, which necessitated setting up a special program, was also made by the Iranians, Keil said.

"We made it clear to them that their students would have to meet MIT's standards for admission and degrees," Hansen said, adding that the students he had interviewed were "highly qualified."

## Program attacked

The program came under attack, however, from many of the participants at the seminar, who condemned the government of Iran as dictatorial and repressive, and charged MIT with "complicity" in helping Iran get nuclear technology.

"The Shah (of Iran) wants to use the nuclear power he gets to stop liberation movements anywhere in the Gulf (of Persia) area," a member of the MIT Association of Iranian Students said. "While the conditions of Iranian peasants gets worse, the Shah is out buying reactors to improve his own power."

The student, who refused to give his name, said the Iranian government was "corrupt, dictatorial, repressive, and reactionary," adding that "every week there is a Kent State in Iran."

Another Iranian, Visiting Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering Parviz Payvar, Dean of the Energy Division of Aryamehr University of Technology in Tehran, defended the program. "Sometime ago, Iran was receiving aid from America, and many Americans were arguing that instead of

giving away aid money, America should help countries to develop themselves," Payvar said. "Now we are in a position where we don't need aid. We need help in developing our technology, and this program will help."

Payvar said that Iran had never been an aggressor nation in world affairs, and that, as a

signator to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Iran would not develop nuclear weapons with the technology they were getting.

"The program with MIT should be thought of as a short-term program to help another nation, not financially, but to help itself," Payvar said.



MIT President Jerome Wiesner

## Fines for file infractions may become Mass. law

The Massachusetts General Court has moved to put "teeth" into the federal privacy-of-records legislation passed last summer with a bill which would impose fines and jail terms on

provide a \$600 fine or six months imprisonment for any official of a post-secondary school who willfully refuses to comply with the Buckley amendment rules.

The guidelines prepared by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare for the Buckley amendment provide that a school which does not comply with the bill will lose federal educational grants. A Pines spokesperson said the measure would "close the loopholes in the Buckley amendment" on the state level.

The Association of Massachusetts Independent Colleges and Universities has testified against the bill, saying it is unnecessary. Its purposes, the Association's legislative side testified, have already been accomplished by federal legislation.

## Update on the news

college officials who refused to comply with the law.

The measure, sponsored by State Representative Lois Pines, provides stronger penalties than those proposed by the so-called "Buckley amendment," the federal legislation which first opened student files for review last November. The proposed state bill, now in hearings, would

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# Multics shutdown? users react

By Greg Erwin Lemke

The possible termination of Multics, MIT's computer time-sharing system, has prompted anxious reactions among students, faculty, and administrators at MIT.

The MIT Information Processing Service (IPA) may be forced to terminate the widely-used Multics system due to rising costs and increasing deficits (see *The Tech*, March 4).

"We simply are not taking in the revenue to meet an expense budget of \$2.5 million," said Robert Scott, Director of IPS. "As a result, termination of the overall Multics system must be counted as an option for us."

Scott acknowledged that termination of Multics would be severely felt in certain quarters of the MIT community.

"There are many things that are unique to Multics," Scott noted. "For those people or

organizations taking advantage of the unique aspects of the system, changing to another would be a difficult and expensive proposition. Some of our current users simply couldn't make such a transition."

In addition to its effect on MIT users, the end of Multics service would also have a considerable impact on non-MIT users.

"It depends on how you count, but it may be accurate to say that about 40% of Multics users are not affiliated with MIT," Scott said. "These non-MIT users, some of them with very substantial accounts, include Honeywell Information Systems, the University of Illinois, and a variety of companies and universities in the Boston area. Termination of the system would present big problems to some of these groups."

Scott denied that IPS is nego-

tiating with Honeywell to modify the present system so that it is cheaper to operate.

"We've told Honeywell what our problem is and we've asked them for suggestions," he said. "That's all."

John Klensin, of the Architecture Department's Overlap Project, which is the largest paying user of the Multics system, said that his project would be severely affected by the total termination of Multics.

"We think that the retention of Multics is in the best interests of not only ourselves, but of the entire MIT community as well," Klensin asserted. "We like working with Multics here at MIT."

"We understand the difficult position that IPS is in," Klensin continued, "but Multics is vital to us. It's a research tool of fantastic potential."

Klensin said that if termination of Multics were to come about, the Overlap Project would, in the short run, switch over to a Multics System operating elsewhere. Eventually, he said, the project would adopt a different computer system.

## Other reactions

"I think this raises all sorts of questions about how the IPS is managed," said one critic, "and about just how fiscally responsible they are."

"It would be interesting to see how the termination of Multics might affect the ability of Honeywell to market the system," noted another.

Joseph Dehn '75, chairman of the Student Information Processing Board, considers Multics "a valuable service to the MIT community" and feels that its termination would be "a poor thing."

# TCA Spring Blood Drive nets total of 1392 pints

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The large number of walk-ins included a near-record 175 on Friday, the last day of the drive. About 870 of those who made appointments showed up to give blood, said Tomusiak.

Last spring's drive netted 1894 pints of blood in ten days. Since this year's drive lasted two fewer days, a donation level of about 1500 pints would have been comparable to last year's level.

A half-keg of beer was awarded to the three dormitory living units and three fraternities with the highest ratios of blood donors to residents. Theta Chi, with an 85 per cent donation rate led the fraternities.

Among the dormitories,

McCormick 5 West led, with 65 per cent of its residents donating blood, and was followed by Baker Three and Burton Three, which won the dormitory contest in the fall drive followed. Runnerup was Baker Six, which finished second in the fall contest. Pi Kappa Sigma and Beta Theta Pi were the fraternity winners last fall.

MIT donates enough blood each year to provide members of the MIT community with free access to blood from the American Red Cross. Although the four blood drives this year netted 600 fewer pints than the 1973-74 total, this blood coverage will be maintained. The Institute also donates more blood each year than any other university in Massachusetts.

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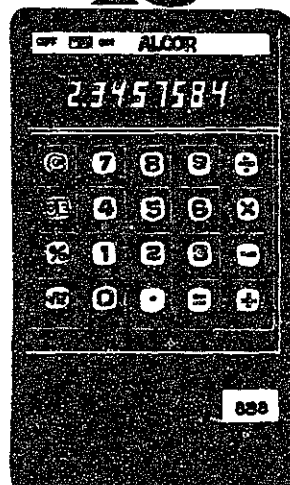
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## NOTES

\* The spring academic midway will be held in duPont Gymnasium (The Armory) on Wed., April 2, from 2:30-4:30pm. This is a good opportunity for freshman and undesignated sophomores to meet and talk with people from a variety of departments, labs, projects, etc. For further information, call x3-6771.

\* Dormcon will be holding an election for the position of R/O chairperson on Wednesday, April 2 at 10pm in room 413 in the Student Center. If you are interested in this post, please speak to your house president on what this post involves and show up at the meeting.

\* Tickets for the Lecture by Sam Ervin to be held in Kresge at 8pm on Tuesday, April 8, 1975 will be given out free of charge by LSC on Tuesday, March 18 at 10am and Wednesday, March 19 at 5pm in Lobby 10. One per person; MIT or Wellesley ID required.

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\* Saturday, March 22nd the Harvard Law School Forum, in cooperation with the American Bar Association Law Student Division, will present former Governor Frank Sargent of Massachusetts. Sargent, now a Fellow of the Harvard Institute for Politics, will be speaking on the topic of "Personal Privacy in America." 1:30pm Pound Building, Room 102, on the Law School campus. Admission is \$1.00 at the door.

\* Monday, March 24th, the Harvard Law School Forum will present Senator Lowell Weicker of Connecticut, a member of the Senate Watergate Committee, 8:00pm in the Ames Courtroom, Austin Hall, on the Law School campus. Admission is \$1.75 at the door.



Nail Atalay, the Turkish Cypriot Ambassador to the United Nations, told an MIT audience Sunday that Turkey intervened in Cyprus to stop the bloodshed there.

## Turkish Cypriot rep. speaks to Greeks

By Gerald Radack

"Turkey intervened in Cyprus to stop the bloodshed and preserve the territorial independence of the Turkish community" there, Nail Atalay, the Turkish Cypriot representative to the United Nations, told a hostile audience at MIT Sunday.

During an address on the Turkish Cypriot view of the current problems on Cyprus, Atalay accused Archbishop Makarios, president of Cyprus from 1960 to 1974, and the Greek Cypriot majority of attempting to "eliminate the rights of the Turkish Cypriot community."

Members of the seminar's audience, which appeared to be composed primarily of Greeks or Greek Cypriots, interrupted Atalay several times with critical questions during the 40 minute talk he gave in the Kresge Little Theater.

Atalay quoted General Ioannides, who headed the junta which ruled Greece last summer

and was responsible for the coup that overthrew Makarios, as saying, "By a sudden onslaught, we will exterminate the Turkish community to the last person."

Cyprus's large Turkish minority has long been afraid of domination by Greek Cypriots or attempts to achieve "enosis" (union with Greece). A coup against then-President Makarios last July by Greek Cypriots was backed by the Greek junta.

The reaction to the coup led to the fall of the Greek military government and a Turkish invasion of Cyprus.

Since the summer, the United Nations Security Council has tried in vain to settle the issue, while the Turkish minority has pushed for a biregional government.

"The Turkish side believes that international conferences will not solve the problem of Cyprus," Atalay declared. "Unless the two mother countries and the two Cypriot communities think thoroughly, the problem of Cyprus will not be solved."

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## The West Point of Capitalism

by Michael D. McNamee

*The Gospel According To Harvard Business School* — Peter Cohen (Doubleday and Company; 331 pages; \$2.25)

"The West Point of Capitalism" is one of the kinder nicknames for the Harvard Business School, bastion of scientific management and rational business techniques, the school that turns out more top executives, more millionaires, more presidents of *Fortune's* Top 500 Corporations, than any other single institution.

Peter Cohen does not dwell on the pleasant nicknames for the B school, however. Cohen, a graduate of the school's two-year Master of Business Administration program, prefers to linger on some of the more unpleasant aspects of the education of America's managerial elite. In doing so, he exposes many of the more unpleasant aspects of American education, and American corporate society in general.

No one who reads this book will apply to Harvard B School without having second thoughts. Cohen de-

scribes the pressure of working eight and ten hours a night, after classes, to complete three cases a day, with each case ranging up to forty pages. Such pressure may sound familiar to MIT students, but as Cohen describes the B School, the pressure is more intense, the competition more cut-throat, and the stakes of the game higher than at any other school in the nation.

Besides discussing the causes of the pressure, Cohen delves into the root meaning behind the system of education that makes schooling so competitive. In a brilliant essay inspired by the suicide of a B School student (reprinted in *The Tech*, Feb. 28), Cohen questions the necessity of "competitive education," the need for creating pressure on students when every student is needed to make whatever contribution he can to solving the world's problems. That essay alone is worth the price of the book.

By placing his fictional protagonist (all the names of Cohen's classmates,

and some of the biographical information about them, were changed in the book) at Harvard during the time of the 1970 anti-war action, Cohen offers another perspective on the social usefulness of an institution like the B School. Showing the student body and faculty torn by dissent over the Vietnam War, contrasting the Harvard Square protesters with the B School activists, comparing the recruiting process by which Harvard MBAs find their \$18,000 jobs with the action in the streets, Cohen raises fundamental questions about the role of business, and business education in solving America's problems.

Through his own eyes and those of his classmates, Cohen offers a useful and interesting view of higher education in the Cambridge circuit. Anyone interested in attending the B school should read this book; many people who aren't planning on going there would find it valuable for its insights on education and American society.

## duly noted

Thomas J. Spisak

*The Rape Of A\*P\*E* — Allen Sherman (Playboy Press; 448 pages; \$1.95)

*The Rape Of A\*P\*E* is the funniest book to cross my desk since I joined this august institution. It is also one of the more thoughtful and incisive commentaries on contemporary America recently published. Sherman's humor is faded; *My Son the Folksinger*, when released was among the more quoted albums. *The Rape of A\*P\*E* should well establish his name as a savant.

Billed as the Official History of the Sexual Revolution, Sherman's work charts the rise and fall of the American \*Puritan\* Ethic. The finest writing in the book is the adventures of Sap, an Everyman who watches the prehistoric rise of the institutions responsible for the mess we are in — Class, The State, War. It is through Sap that Sherman offers his solution. We can be saved by a free-loving anarchism, an abolition of the taboos that separate us, and a return to the blessed state of nature from which we supposedly started.

Despite its naivete, or perhaps because of it, the solution is appealing. The composition is very fine. Sherman, the shlock comedian, has left a legacy of gentle caring and naive wisdom. I recommend this work highly.

*Herblock Special Report* — Herbert Block (W.W. Norton; 225 pages; \$7.95)

Herbert Block has been drawing cartoons about Richard Nixon since the California Crook first went to Washington in 1948. *Herblock Special Report* is a compilation of that coverage. Taking Nixon's career from his days as a red-baiting freshman congressman stacking firewood around Liberty, until the full, complete, and absolute pardon pictured taping the record of Watergate closed, the major thesis of *Special Report* is that Nixon really did not change in twenty years.

The cartoons have been a part of most of our lives for so long that comment on them is unnecessary. The text is reasonably well written for essentially a cartoon book. If you like to have this kind of memento mori around the house spend the eight bucks, because it is good.

The MIT Department of Humanities offers three prizes for undergraduate writing at MIT. These prizes are open only to MIT undergraduates. There is a limit of two separate entries, by one person, in each competition and no single entry may be submitted in more than one competition.

The Ellen King Prize for Freshman Writing is open to all categories of writing by freshmen at MIT. There is a \$100 first prize and a \$50 second prize.

The Robert Boit Writing Prize is open to all categories of writing by MIT undergraduates. \$425 is divided among several awards.

The Boit Manuscript Prize is open to works of substantial length, completed or in progress. It is primarily for longer works of publishable quality. There is an award of \$200 offered.

The competitions close April 18, 1975.

Copies of the rules are available in 14N-409. Questions concerning the requirements for entries in any of the competitions should be directed to either Joe Brown, for prose or fiction; or to Patsy Cumming, for poetry or dramatic writing.

## Alec Reid — Waiting for Beckett

by Margaret A. Minsky and Vinay Reddy

Alec Reid, a Beckett scholar and personal friend of the playwright, lectured Wednesday, March 12, to a small literary audience in 14E-304. The lecture was sponsored by the Humanities Department and the Council for the Arts. Reid's announced topic, "The World and Art of Samuel Beckett," gave him scope for anecdote and analysis of Beckett as he pleased. His preoccupation with Beckett, the prophet of alienation and author of *Waiting for Godot*, grew from his intimate familiarity with the Irish theater and personal meetings with the author which have given him an appreciation of Beckett's motivations and messages. Reid spoke first of the contradictions of Beckett. His enormously varied literary output reflects his ability to adapt to all media; his repulsive, sometimes disembodied characters are yet humane portraits, most deeply he is "a man with a gift of language, who seems hell-bent on destroying language."

Reid's close observation of the influence James Joyce had on Beckett was engaging. Reid's thesis is that Joyce directly got Beckett to write. When they met Beckett was a school-teacher in Paris and had not begun his literary career yet. Reid also claims that Joyce was the source of Beckett's dissatisfaction with words as a medium. He contrasts the manner in which these two authors resolve their dismay at the limitations of language: Joyce by inventing vast new languages, Beckett by trying to convey varied meaning and emotion with as few words as possible. Reid pointed to an obscure monograph by Beckett on Proust which rebutted the doctrine of the supremacy of reason and fear. He noted that although Beckett has written novels in which the author was omniscient, this evolution has been toward what Beckett himself calls impotence, representing the author's inability to use words to communicate experience.

Reid's straightforward, elegantly styled lecture on these topics was illuminating; his comments on *Waiting for Godot*, however, were more hero worship than critical enlightenment. The comments, though very warm, were somewhat predictable: "The characters in *Godot* cannot take action... because they do not know. Much of your life is like that — we cannot act because we are lacking information." "Beckett's theater (is) entirely bringing us into zones of experience." *Godot* is so widely seen and played



photo by Mark James

Alec Reid

because it "is so involving, it illuminates your own experience. Your comments on Beckett's plays are only on yourself."

Reid brought a warm personal approach to Beckett's work; his criticism was not, however, always intellectually impeccable. Nonetheless, such a pleasant gentleman and literary archivist is an asset to the small, eclectic literate community at MIT, which is not stimulated directly very often. We were surprised at the torpor of Reid's

audience. They listened; they scribbled notes and commented to their neighbors; at the end of the lecture a few questions were asked; no one, however, took the opportunity to start any sort of argument with the speaker. When students are presented with a live critic with whom they can discuss issues, they should stop worrying about their notebooks and feel free to speak. To provoke exciting literary discussion at MIT does not seem an unreasonable goal.

# Sports

## UCal-Harvard 1st in MIT v-ball

By Glenn Brownstein

The University of California at Harvard (a Harvard-MIT graduate student team) and the Providence Turners captured the divisional titles at the second annual MIT invitational volleyball tournament last Saturday at duPont Gymnasium.

UCH defeated its arch-rival, the Cambridge Volleyball Club, in the Division I final. The intensity of the competition was enhanced by the strained relationship between the two teams, caused by the departure last fall of four Cambridge VBC members to help form the UCH team.

In Division II, Providence withstood a strong challenge from the MIT Volleyball Club to defeat the Engineers in the title match, 15-8, 7-15, 15-9. MIT, short of seasoned players (most club members are undergraduates with little or no experience prior to coming to MIT) and without the services of its powerful spiker Bob Keener '75, who played for UCH in the tournament, was not expected to mount any challenge for the

divisional crown.

However, retaining the rest of the New England semifinalist team and adding a number of other players, the Club played conservatively and consistently, compensating for a height disadvantage with excellent placements and well-timed blocking.

Fourteen teams participated in the tournament, of which eight competed in the stronger Division I, and six in Division II.

UCH and Springfield led Section A of Division I with 5-1 records, while Cambridge VBC and Woonsocket (3-3) made the playoffs from Section B. UCH defeated Woonsocket (1974 tournament champions) in three games in one semifinal, while Cambridge outlasted Springfield in the other three-game semi.

The MIT Volleyball Club advanced to the finals by defeating Cape Cod, 15-8, in its semifinal match. Other Division II entrants included Providence, Holyoke, Quincy, and Concord.

This year's Division I champions, UCal-Harvard, derive their unusual name from the fact that

most of the team members played intercollegiate volleyball as undergraduates at one of the UCal campuses. The combination of experienced collegiate volleyball and strong YMCA-calibre players has earned UCH the top ranking in New England in only its first season of competition.

As a result of its number-one rating, UCH will represent New England in the Holyoke Memorial Tournament, featuring top teams from all over the country, on April 15.

MIT's Volleyball Club will travel to Attleboro, Massachusetts on April 12 to compete in the New England YMCA championships.



The MIT Volleyball Club's Bob Cassels G (24) spikes over a Cape Cod block in tournament action Saturday as teammate Salvador Caro G (left, glasses) looks on.

## DTD takes IM swimming title

By Glenn Brownstein

By winning six events and placing in three others, Delta Tau Delta won the IM Swimming championship, held Saturday at the Alumni Pool.

Lambda Chi Alpha placed second and Baker House finished third in the competition, which involved over one hundred entrants from fourteen living groups.

In defending its 1974 title, DTD jumped into the lead by winning the first event, the 200-yard medley relay. Although Rob Colten '76 of LCA put his team out in front by winning the 200 freestyle, successive victories by Mark Thorne-Thomsen '76 (100 medley) and Jeff Bentley '76 (50 freestyle) put the Deltas in front to stay.

All three swimmers contributed one more victory to their respective teams during the meet, while Alpha Tau Omega swimmers took the other two men's events, as Dave Martin '75 won the 50 butterfly and Dave Mabry '77 won the 100 breastroke.

The final event of the meet, the 200 freestyle relay, was marred by two accidents, both of which had a substantial effect on the race's outcome.

The first mishap took place at the start, when LCA's starting swimmer fell off the starting block in diving into the water

and lost several seconds that may have cost LCA the race.

At the time of the accident, it also appeared to have cost LCA second place in the team competition as Baker House, despite not having won an event going into the final relay, led LCA 44-39 in the runner-up battle on the strength of two seconds and five thirds.

The Baker team got off to a strong start in the relay and trounced the field, finishing the course in 1:44.9, several seconds better than second place DTD.

Unfortunately, at the conclusion of the race, one Baker swimmer, reaching down to congratulate a fellow racer, lost his balance and fell into the pool. There is a swimming rule that no member of a team may re-enter the pool before the race is completed (one team was still swimming at the time of the accident), and therefore the mishap disqualified Baker, and DTD was awarded the victory.

In addition to the men's individual and team competition, women's individual competition was inaugurated in this year's IM meet, with Kathy Ruiz de Luzuriaga '78 winning the 100 medley, Alicia Abels '78 taking the diving title, and Wendy Wolfe '78 capturing the 100 freestyle.

### Summary of Events:

200 yd. Medley Relay: 1-Delta Tau Delta '1'; 2-Alpha Tau

Omega; 3-Lambda Chi Alpha; 1:58.7

200 yd. Freestyle: 1-Colten (LCA); 2-Toni (EC); 3-Anciaux (SC); 2:21.9

Women's 100 yd. Individual Medley: 1-Ruiz de Luzuriaga; 2-Wolfe; 1:19.1

Men's 100 yd. Individual Medley: 1-Thorne-Thomsen (DTD); 2-Rosenkrans (PDT); 3-Troiano (Baker); 1:05.7

Women's Diving: 1-Abels; 79.50

Men's Diving: 1-Milne (PDT); 2-Johnson (Baker); 3-Djermakoye (Baker); 89.00

50 yd. Butterfly: 1-Martin (ATO); 2-Wylen (TX); 3-Mauel (DTD); 27.6

Women's 100 yd. Freestyle: 1-Wolfe; 1:12.1

Men's 100 yd. Freestyle: 1-Bentley (DTD); 2-Rogers (DTD); 3-Frank (Baker); 58.0

50 yd. Freestyle: 1-Bentley (DTD); 2-Hamburgen (Baker); 3-Frank (Baker); 25.4

400 yd. Freestyle: 1-Colten (LCA); 2-Sheldon (B3B); 3-Jaynes (LCA); 5:21.5

100 yd. Backstroke: 1-Thorne-Thomsen (DTD); 2-Wylen (TX); 3-Hamburgen (Baker); 1:07.3

100 yd. Breaststroke: 1-Mabry (ATO); 2-Twaalfholen (DP); 3-Prey (Russian); 1:23.7

200 yd. Freestyle Relay: 1-Delta Tau Delta '1'; 2-Phi Kappa Sigma; 3-Lambda Chi Alpha 'A'; 1:51.9



Engineer spiker Frieder Krups '77 reaches to hit the ball over the net against Cape Cod. MIT defeated the Coddors in the Division II semifinal before losing to Providence in the championship match.

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